TO: Members of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

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SUBJECT: CORE-CT

Here is what is available in CORE that is used by CSUS:

- Full Payroll including Fringe Benefits;

- Human Resources (HR);

- Time & Attendance (except for Student Workers);

- Accounts Payable – all bond fund payments and inter-agency payments (transfer invoices) are processed in CORE. Expenditures by summary categories (for example: Supplies, Equipment, etc.) are booked periodically into CORE via journal entry. The System Office does this entry monthly. The Universities (excluding SCSU) book the expenses via journal entry semi-annually. SCSU inputs their expenses annually;

- Accounts Receivable – billing module used for inter-agency billings and payments;

- Budget allocation by Fund (Operating Fund and General Fund) and SID;

- Transfers of CSUS2020 Capital funds to the Universities and DPW;

- Cash balances by Fund;

- Non-CHEFA and non-CSUS 2020 Bond Funds by Project;

- Federal Grant cash transfers from the Office of the State Treasurer.

The following is not on CORE but on the CSUS Banner System:
- Purchasing;
- Accounts Payable by individual transaction (vendor and invoice detail);
- Student and External Accounts Receivable;
- Revenue transactions (Tuition and Fees, Other Revenue);
- Grants Accounting;
- Fixed Assets, including calculation of depreciation and amortization;
- General Ledger;
- Student Labor Time and Attendance;
- Financial Aid.

By way of background, Banner is an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, and as such is principally an integration of institution management practices and modern technology. Information Technology (IT) integrates with the core business processes of an organization to streamline and accomplish specific business objectives of an organization to streamline and accomplish specific business objectives. Consequently, ERP is an amalgamation of three most important components; Business Management Practices, Information Technology and Specific Business Objectives. CORE is primarily focused on finance and HR.

Absolutely no student information is available in CORE. Of course, the data needed on students is extensive and all resides on BANNER. The following are examples and include but are not limited to:

- admissions data (HS GPA and transcripts, SAT/ACT scores; previous postsecondary institutions attended; whether remediation is indicated)
- demographics -- gender; ethnicity; residency status; country citizenship; birth date
- financial aid data (FAFSA data; awards, etc.)
- student type (i.e., full-time or part-time at time of admission and for any given semester; matriculated or non-matriculated)
- Grade Point Average; specific course grades; credits accumulated
- Major(s) present and former
- Official Transcripts of graduates

All course information emerges from Banner as well.

It is important to note that of 13 major functions contained in the CORE system, CSUS is using seven either partially or completely. Of the six that we are not using, the main reasons are either that the functions are tied to, or are fed from the Banner Student system -which cannot be accommodated by CORE, or because wholesale conversion to that particular function has been estimated to be cost-prohibitive.